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Evaluation of Intelligence on Bulgaria and Southern Rumania

1. Type of intelligence being evaluated. Fiscal, internal finance, national income, planning, and information on sectors as recorded in Estimates File.

2. Quantity of intelligence available.

- a. Fiscal (Budget): fairly abundant for Rumania, very sparse for Bulgaria. Solely on national budget.
- b. Internal finance: very sparse, better for Rumania.
- c. National income: single-source (State Dept.) furnished estimates.
- d. Planning: very sparse, almost all from official published material. Worse than for any other Bloc country except Albania.
- e. Production: fairly good coverage of agriculture and industry (about 2,000 estimates). About 1/4 on basic industries.
- f. Capacity: information on metals, chemicals, machine tools, bearings, and transportation equipment.
- g. Use pattern, input pattern, and trade: very sparse.
- h. Inventories: information on grains and transportation equipment.

3. Currency of intelligence. Almost no information covering periods shorter than a year. About half the production, capacity, inventory estimates are for 1951 and are apparently based at least in part on information gathered within last 1½ years. Considerable lag in getting information on fiscal, financial, and planning fields. Trade data based mostly on information at least two years old. In general, information could not be considered as up-to-date.

4. Reliability of intelligence. In general, low. Production and related estimates for post-war period judged to have possible range of error of $\pm 25\%$. Quantitative trade data highly unreliable, particularly intra-Bloc. Planning information of doubted usefulness since published statements in the main, in fuzzy generalities or in percent increase or fulfillment compared with unknown quantities. Most "covert" information suspected to originate in paper mills. Fiscal and financial information reliable insofar as official statistics are.

5. Known unexploited sources of intelligence. Press, periodicals, professional journals (particularly to 1949) have been very poorly exploited. Masses of published materials in UN library, e.g., are

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untouched. Pre-Communist officials; e.g. [REDACTED]

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6. Critical nature of missing intelligence. Considered impossible on basis of existing intelligence to construct an adequate picture of general economic conditions, economic developments, shifts in emphasis in planning, economic war potential, etc. On the other hand, these countries predominantly agricultural, particularly Bulgaria, and main industry in Rumania is POL, probably fairly well covered. On industrialization, collectivization, military production, investment program we have little more useful information than can be gotten from careful reading of the New York Times.

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